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In re Application of:

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Group Art Unit: 1764

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Title: UNDULATED-WALL HONEYCOMB STRUCTURE AND MANUFACTURING  
METHOD THEREOF

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RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION

Dear Sir:

Claims 1, 4-11, 16-18 and 36, as amended in the Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.116 filed February 28, 2007, remain pending for continued examination in this application. Claims 12-15, 19-32 and 34 also remain herein, but are currently withdrawn from consideration pursuant to earlier restriction/election of species requirements.

The Advisory Action mailed March 27, 2007, page 2, alleged that the word "alternating" in amended claim 36 raises a new issue. However, applicants expressly referred to page 31, line 13 through page 33, line 18 of their specification as supporting that amendment of claim 36. That portion of applicants' specification refers extensively to applicants' Figs. 3 and 4. See particularly the words "every other flat wall thereof replaced with undulated walls," at page 32,

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lines 1 and 2, which corresponds to the definition of "alternating" meaning "to interchange repeatedly and regularly with one another, as in every second one of a series," as stated in the Advisory Action, page 2.

Thus, claim 36 is supported by applicants' disclosure. And, the prior searches of the subject matter claimed in this application should have encompassed even the subject matter of amended claim 36. Accordingly, for the reasons previously stated in the Amendment filed February 28, 2007, all claims 1, 4-11, 16-18 and 36 should be fully in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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